

OLDEST ODD FELLOW IN COUNTRY IS FATHER AND GRANDFATHER OF TWO RESIDENTS OF TORRANCE

The following article, taken from the New Kensington Daily Dispatch of April 7, 1924, will be of interest to the many friends of E. P. King of Marcelina street and Judge James L. King, son and grandson, respectively, of J. C. King, who passed a winter in Torrance a few years ago:

"Members of New Kensington Lodge No. 804, I. O. O. F., together with their wives, and Rebekahs, on Friday evening held a birthday party in their lodge room in honor of the oldest Odd Fellow in the United States, J. C. King of 1624 Kenneth avenue, who was born April 4, 1833, and joined Fayette City Lodge No. 311 March 29, 1859. Mr. King is very proud of the 50-year jewel presented him by his lodge 15 years ago, he being an Odd Fellow 65 years. Mr. King was an undertaker in Fayette City from young manhood until 31 years ago, when he moved to this city.

"Mr. King is respected by young and old in this community, having been trustee of New Kensington schools from 1899 to 1914.

"C. C. Burford, chairman, introduced H. E. Wally as toastmaster. He has been acquainted with Mr. King 25 years, and told many of the great things done by him since he knew him. He also enlivened the evening with amusing anecdotes.

"The following members of Fayette City Lodge No. 311 were present and were introduced by Mr. Wally: Reuben Jones, secretary of the I. O. O. F. lodge there; Elliott Stephens, T. P. Vaughn, J. K. Smith, J. H. Wilson,

John Bloom, and Thomas Smith. Each spoke with great admiration and love of Mr. King and the good he accomplished while a young man. His memory is still green among the older citizens, as he organized the First Presbyterian Sunday school in Fayette City.

"Edward Reynolds, accompanied by his sister, Miss Elsie Reynolds, sang two beautiful solos, which were greatly enjoyed. M. H. Mainwaring, representing New Kensington lodge, then gave a stirring and touching address on 'Our Duty'—not only as Odd Fellows, but good loyal Americans.

"Rev. T. S. Dickson, in behalf of the First Presbyterian church of New Kensington, then spoke of Mr. King as a churchman, he being a charter member of the church and a retired elder. He also spoke of Mr. King's faithful attendance, despite his age. "Cooper Brothers' quartet, together with William McCabe and William Smith, with their ukuleles, and community singing, with Russell Hoxworth at the piano, provided the necessary touch to make the occasion enjoyable.

"At 11 o'clock the lights were turned out and Misses Dorothy Eidean and Ilean Burford entered the hall with a carrier decorated in white, pink, blue and scarlet and three links done in gold, also numbers 91 and 65, designating his age and the number of years as an Odd Fellow, on which rested a birthday cake with number 91 in burning candles, which was presented to Mr. King amid great

applause. Lunch was then served to about 250 guests. After singing 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds' and 'God Be With You Till We Meet Again' each one departed for their homes, trusting that they may be able to meet and honor Mr. King another time."

REPORTS OF SANTA MONICA C. E. CONVENTION MAY 2-4

Three delegates who attended the county Christian Endeavor convention at Santa Monica May 2-4 will tell about the convention at the Lomita Community church Sunday evening, May 11, at 7:30 o'clock. These delegates are the Misses Iris Oliver, Katherine Hunter and Merle Richey. All the members and friends of the Christian Endeavor society are cordially invited. Let us show our interest in the young people by attending this service.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE AT LOMITA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mother's Day will be observed next Sunday, May 11, at the morning service. Special music will be rendered by the choir and the pastor will speak on "Our Debt to Our Mothers." Automobiles will call for those who wish it, if word is sent to the pastor beforehand. Mothers of young children may bring them and have them taken care of by Mrs. Clark and helpers during the service. Everyone is asked to honor Mother on that day. Show honor to her by attending a religious service in her honor. All are cordially invited.

ACQUIT MRS. CARRIGAN

Mrs. Rena Carrigan of the Midway Rooms, Narbonne avenue, was acquitted at a jury trial this week of the charge of battery, preferred by one Mrs. Beasley.

COMING MOVIE ATTRACTIONS

Thousands of dollars' worth of valuable period furnishings were destroyed in staging the highly exciting fight scenes in "The Man From Brodney's," a Vitagraph special production coming to the Torrance theatre next Sunday and Monday. Very valuable draperies and paintings as well as statuary were ruined in the hand-to-hand struggle of a small group of white men and women defending their mansion against native rebels on the island of Japat, in the South Seas, where the story is laid.

Here Comes Enid

Enid Bennett enacts the leading feminine role in the Metro-SL production of "Your Friend and Mine," the photoplay version of Willard Mack's play, directed by Clarence Badger, which will be shown at the Torrance theatre next Tuesday.

Miss Bennett's role in this picture, that of neglected wife of a money-mad business man, is a decided contrast to her part of Maid Marian in "Robin Hood," Douglas Fairbanks' photoplay. During the few years she has been in pictures Miss Bennett has established herself as one of the most beautiful and talented of screen actresses. Her motion picture debut was with Ince. She was starred in "Fans and Feathers," "The Vamp," "The Haunted Bedroom," "Stepping Out," "The Woman in the Suitcase," and other successful pictures. Since then Miss Bennett has been featured in several all-star productions, and has enacted the leading feminine role in "Robin Hood."

"The Wages of Sin Is Death"

"The wages of sin is death" was the text of the morning sermon. The Bible is a book about sin, its origin, its course in human history, its shame and punishment. We do not get rid of sin by denying its existence, or by using soft and mild names for it.

There are sins of the flesh, and sins of the spirit. These lead to physical death if persisted in, and to spiritual death. There are sins of the spirit that we overlook, or think lightly of. Henry Van Dyke has written these lines:

"These are the sins I fear
Would have Thee take away:
Malice and cold disdain;
Hot anger and sullen hate;
Scorn of the lowly, envy of the great,
And discontent that casts a shadow
gray
On all the brightness of a common
day."

The greatest sin, according to the Bible, is not theft, adultery, murder, or drunkenness. The greatest sin is unbelief. If persisted in to the end of life it may become the unpardonable sin for which Jesus said there is no forgiveness.

The glory of the Bible is that it not only tells of the cause and slavery of sin, but how we may be pardoned and set free. "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The choir, with Charles Eade as director, and Harold Coackley as organist, rendered a fine anthem, "Come Unto Me and I Will Give You Rest."

STATE MEETINGS

WASHINGTON PICNIC

All who ever lived in the Evergreen state are called to meet under the auspices of the Washington State society for a great picnic reunion all day Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Sycamore Grove park.

NEW YORK PICNIC

Dr. Geo. H. MacNeill, phone 884-523, president of the New York State Society of Southern California, calls on all who have ever lived in that state to meet for the great picnic reunion all day Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles.

Old time dance at Lomita Civic hall Saturday, May 10th. Admission 25c.

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